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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 20, 2006, Applicant is providing herewith a concise explanation of the relevance as presently understood of DE 71 31 539 U, which was cited in the January 20, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

*German utility model DE 71 31 539 U* relates to a hose of plastics, the hose is at its inside flat and at its outside formed as a screw thread. A wall of the hose is made of a ribbon helix (1). Adjacent windings of the ribbon helix (1) are welded together and carry a support helix (2) in the joint area (see FIG. 1). A layer (3) of the same material as the

ribbon helix (1) can be arranged between the ribbon helix (1) and the support helix (2) (see FIG. 2). The support helix (2) can be fully covered by the layer (4) (see FIG. 3). The layer (5) can form a layer helix (6 or 7) enwrapping the ribbon helix (1) and incorporating the support helix (2) (see FIGS. 4 and 5).

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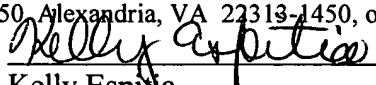
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